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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask whether it is laid down in the rules anywhere that, if the prisoners refused to move, they should be handcuffed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " No laying down of any rule is necessary. It is commonsense to guard against prisoners escaping."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" When the prisoners refuse to movê, is it commonsense that the prisoners should be handcuffed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " I have nothing to add to what I have already said."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" If the prisoners are unable to move, what is the use of handcuffing them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " There was a big crowd and it was necessary to secure the prisoners."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Is it because of the crowd they were handcuffed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The prisoners had a chance of escaping from custody."

Date of the addendum to the extract from the Police Gazette *regarding the use of lathis.*

* 11 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: With reference to the answer to question No. 1254, answered on 24th March 1932, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the date on which the addition of the last paragraph beginning with " add the following at the end of the section, etc." restricting the scope of the main body of instructions to formidable mobs, was made in the *Police Gazette*, dated the 2nd August 1930?

A.—6th February 1932.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that till the 6th of February 1932, when the amendment was made, the order of the Government to use minimum force was not given effect to and the order of the Inspector-General of Police, as contained in the *Police Gazette* to use maximum force and that on the face and neck and head was in continuance?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The order was there, but it was not put to any practical use."

Prisons and Prisoners

Proposed shifting of the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons to Madras.

* 12 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to shift the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons to Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government propose to give effect to the same?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is still under consideration.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know when the Government will finish their consideration of this proposal? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I am sorry that it is not possible to give a definite answer to that question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether Government has been able to find out any building in the City and, if so, which building has been found for this purpose? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" That is one of the difficulties which the Government now have."

Retrenchment in the Jail department.

* 13 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the full scope and effect of the retrenchment effected by the Government in the Jail department is;

(b) which are the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee that have been accepted and which have not been accepted; and

(c) what the reason is for not accepting the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee, if any ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to tables A, B and C in Appendix III to the report of Madras Retrenchment Committee, 1931–32. The Alipuram Jail, Bellary, has since been closed.

(b) All the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee have been accepted.

(c) Does not arise.

Desirability of abolishing the post of the test auditor for the Jail department.

* 14 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any test auditor for the Jail department or any section thereof;

(b) if so, what his duties are, and what the pay drawn by him is;

(c) what the travelling allowance drawn by him is during each of the last five years;

(d) what the reason is for there being no independent audit of the accounts of the Jail Department by the General Audit and Accounts Department; and

(e) whether the Government or the Retrenchment Committee have examined the question of abolishing the Test Auditor, and if so, with what result ?